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TIMBER TALK



President's Message

CAWMC has recently lost three long-time members, **Larry White**, **Don Thibodeau** and **James Wilson**. Please read page 9 of this issue. We offer our sincere sympathies to their families.

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**July 22, 2017-
July / Aug. 2019**
(depending on 2019 date of
RCNA convention)

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In this issue of *Timber Talk*, you will find the financial statement for the year 2017, my president's message to our AGM participants and the minutes of the AGM. You will notice that we have a perceived deficit of operations for 2017. This shortfall is due mostly to a decision of your executive to participate in the Canada 150 program, being medals and wooden tokens. We also authorized the production of 1,000 CAWMC promotional tokens, which were distributed to you, the members, for redistribution to your fellow local coin club members and others. About 600 wooden tokens were given to different RCNA members from all over Canada, with the request that these tokens be distributed also at the local clubs' level. The Board of Governors and I feel it is important that CAWMC be recognized as a bona fide collecting club, not only as a fringe club.



The CAWMC Board of Governors voted unanimously to grant an Honorary Life Membership to our former Editor, **Judy Blackman** which was presented by **Norm Belsten** to Judy at the Waterloo Coin Society's August meeting. CAWMC recognizes Judy as an essential pillar to our club for many years. Just to tell you how dedicated Judy is, she took the time to draw and color woods of different shapes, each with a unique design! These souvenir woods were given to the participants at our AGM and attracted many positive comments. Thank you Judy, for your unfailing commitment to our club.

As the Editor of *Timber Talk*, I would like to invite each and everyone of you, again, to write something about your preferred wood, an interesting meeting you attended, request information related to a wood you own and for which you would like to further your research, etc. I have already received some articles related to your favorite hobby. It would be fantastic to read articles from each of you, about what interests you the most.

I would like to thank Judy Blackman who again, graciously accepted to complete this issue. With the November issue, I will fly solo as far as the editorship is concerned, so please send your articles, news, announcements and pictures and france@waychison.com, and if mailing, please mail to my address below.

Enjoy Thanksgiving (Cda-Oct. 8), Columbus Day (USA-Oct. 8), Sweetest Day (USA-Oct. 20, 13 states), and Hallowe'en (Oct. 31). You can reach me at **France D. Waychison**, P.O. Box 466, Timmins ON P4N 7E3 or at france@waychison.com.

Let The Good Times Roll / *Laissez Les Bons Temps Rouler*

France





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1983–1985:

Neil Probert

1981–1983:

Stanley Clute

1979–1981:

Don Robb

1977–1979:

Victor Hall*

1975–1977:

Garry Braunwarth

The C.A.W.M.C. was founded on January 1st, 1975, by Garry Braunwarth (C-1) (pictured below) and Victor B. Hall (C-2) in Calgary, Alberta. In addition to the founders, these are the 43 other original charter members.

- C- 3 George Parfet
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- C-42 Ernest Ruch
- C-43 Gerald A. Hathaway
- C-44 Robert S. Ross
- C-45 Norman R. Belsten

Garry Braunwarth >>>



Gray Jay—Variety 2

Free Wood of the Month of November 2018 by Ross Kingdon



Our free featured wood of the month for November is courtesy of Al and Marion Munro. The variety 1 of their Gray Jay / Canada 150 (38mm) wood (shown left) was our featured wood for April 2018. Below is this month's featured wood, variety 2 of their wood.

Once again it celebrates Canada's 150th birthday in red on one side, and in silver on the other the 70th for the Munros.



In 1995, the RCM issued this Sterling Silver 50 cent Proof Coin a pair of Gray Jays.

Upcoming Featured Woods:

- ◆ **Wood Coin Collector / Busy** - November 2018—donated by Jim Smith (woodencoin.com)
- ◆ **2018 Winter Olympics flat (commemorate Canada setting new record) (Cream pulp)**—December 2018—donated by Judy Blackman



Boyscouts

Signature item of the 27th Burlington Beaver Colony cache – “a slice of branch”. The cache is located just off a maintained woodland path that is bicycle, foot and stroller accessible. The trail can get a bit mucky in the rain, so be prepared. A 1L round container covered in camo duct tape containing a log book, pencil and woodchips.



Each beaver in the colony (Boyscouts of Canada) placed a wood chip with the scout fleur de lis on one side and the “27th Beavers” (27th Burlington Colony) on the other for cachers to trade.

Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors (CAWMC)

Annual General Meeting Minutes, Mississauga, Ontario held Saturday, August 11, 2018

- The meeting was called to order at 8:10 A.M. by President **France Waychison**. **Al Munro** asked **Marion Munro** to act as Secretary and she agreed. Everyone was asked to sign the attendance sheet. There were 22 members and guests present. France asked everyone to take their seats for breakfast and asked **Dave Gillespie** to say Grace. France called the business portion of the meeting to order at 8:45. France called for a moment of silence for any members, including **Don Thibodeau**, **Bob Savoy** and **Norm Williams** who passed away since the last meeting.
- Norm Belsten made a motion for acceptance of last year's minutes as published in *Timber Talk*. **James Williston** seconded the motion. Carried. France asked **Bill English** to run a fifty-fifty draw. **Randall Haigh** agreed to sell tickets for a draw. **Dave Gillespie** advised details of this year's fundraiser wood. \$3.00 each or 2 for \$5.00.
- France read her President's Report (see next page). France advised that there was a mix up in the menu and, instead of receiving a buffet, we were served a plated meal. France is having discussions with The RCNA over billing. She advised she has started work as Editor of *Timber Talk* and is presently reviewing the format and advised there may be changes in size and number of issues in the future. France thanked **Judy Blackman** for her work in the past and her assistance in the transition period. France moved acceptance of the President's Report. Seconded by **Al Munro**. Carried.
- Al Munro** presented the Treasurer's Report and explained the apparent shortfall of \$1,164.87 last year caused by the purchase of Canada 150 Promotional woods, Canada 150 Promotional medal and the purchase of CAWMC promotional woods for distribution to members and collecting communities throughout Canada. Al advised there were more woods purchased in 2018. Al also advised that there was an increase in membership last year. **Dave Gillespie** asked where the sale of Canada 150 medals were reported and Al advised they were netted against cost. The Treasurer's Report on this page. Al moved acceptance of the report. The motion was seconded by **Norm Belsten** and was carried.
- France announced there were no awards to be presented at this time. **Al Munro** made a motion that France send a letter of appreciation to Judy for her services. Seconded by **Kevin Day-Thorburn**. Carried. It was subsequently disclosed that Judy Blackman was awarded an honorary life membership but as she was not present it was not announced until the award could be presented. The award was presented by **Norm Belsten** at the Waterloo Coin Club August meeting.
- OLD BUSINESS: France asked if anyone had any old business to bring forward. Nothing was brought up.
- NEW BUSINESS: France introduced the amended constitution and bylaws. **Dave Gillespie** explained that the major change was the renaming of the governor position to Director and the reduction of directors from six to five. **Ross Kingdon** moved acceptance of the amended constitution and bylaws. The motion was seconded by **Norm Belsten**. Carried. **Dave Gillespie** resigned as a director (governor) to bring the numbers in alignment with the revised constitution and by laws. France accepted the resignation. **Al Munro** made a motion to thank him for his work on the revised constitution and by laws and as a director. Seconded by **Bill English**. Carried.
- Norm Belsten** advised he has completed the latest revision of his catalogue and revised disks were now available. Norm asked that he be kept aware of any new issues including year and number issued if available. **Al Munro** advised he has discovered 21 purple copies of the 1967 centennial broomstick woods and asked if anyone had any information. No information was offered. Al offered the woods for sale at \$2 each and some were sold but some are still available. Al also advised he had extra Red Line and Wellness 360 woods previously obtained from his nephew Ken as well as Fire Mark woods obtained from Ted, free for taking. Any woods left over will be given away as promotional material at subsequent coin shows.
- The fifty-fifty draw was won by **Ross Kingdon**. Ross donated his portion to the Association and \$57 was raised for the Association and the door draw raised an additional \$65. The fund-raiser wood raised \$64.
- France Adjourned the meeting at 9:15 A.M.
- The auction raised \$278 for the Association.

ADDENDUM: The treasurer has advised that due to accounting errors promotional wood and Canada 150 medal costs were incorrectly reported. Actual costs should have been \$209.50 (includes \$125 die cost), net of sales, for the 150 medals and \$990.00 for promotional wood and not \$810.00 and \$389.50 as reported with total costs remaining unchanged. Revised Financial Statements will be presented for approval at the 2019 annual meeting.

CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF WOODEN MONEY COLLECTORS				
TREASURER'S REPORT				
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017				
(WITH COMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016)				
		"2016"	"2017"	
RECEIPTS				
Members dues		\$ 660.00	\$ 770.00	
Donation	Auction	\$ 102.00	\$ 108.25	
	Decorated Woods	\$ 235.00	NIL	
	Bird Woods	\$ 15.00	NIL	
	Other	\$ 250.00	\$ 158.00	
Interest		\$ 55.22	\$ 56.35	
U.S. Exchange		\$ 64.42	\$ 7.64	
Advertising		\$ 10.00	NIL	
TOTAL		\$ 1,391.64	\$ 1,100.24	
EXPENDITURES				
Timber Talk	Postage	\$ 471.03	\$ 518.22	
	Printing	\$ 279.24	\$ 287.09	
Secretary Treasurer		\$ 161.75	\$ 130.30	
Distribution woods		\$ 95.00	\$ 85.00	
Promotional Woods		nil	\$ 389.50	
150 Medals		nil	\$ 810.00	
Annual meeting Subsidy		\$ 202.64	NIL	
Membership R.C.N.A		\$ 45.00	\$ 45.00	
TOTAL		\$ 1,254.66	\$ 2,265.11	
NET RECEIPTS (EXPENDITURES)		\$ 136.98	\$ 1,164.87	LOSS
MEMBERS EQUITY, BEGINNING OF YEAR		\$ 6,486.02	\$ 6,623.00	
MEMBERS EQUITY, END OF YEAR		\$ 6,623.00	\$ 5,458.13	
REPRESENTED BY				
	Cash on hand and in Bank	\$ 7,453.00	\$ 6,288.13	
	Less: Prepaid Memberships	\$ 830.00	\$ 830.00	
TOTAL		\$ 6,623.00	\$ 5,458.13	

President's Report presented at the CAWMC AGM August 11, 2018

My goal this past year has been to continue increasing the visibility of CAWMC, to show our club, sometimes considered as "fringe" is as relevant as it was 43 years ago when it was founded.

CONSTITUTION, BY-LAWS AND POLICIES: As reported last year, **Dave Gillespie** has reviewed our old constitution, also reviewed some from other organizations to put together a package of constitution, by-Laws and policies that should represent CAWMC governance for many years to come. That package went back and forth between Dave and myself a few times, then was sent to our Governors for their review and comments. The constitution was revised according to their comments and finally sent to our membership in the spring. There is a copy of the proposed constitution, policies and by-laws on each table for further discussion and an motion to adopt.

TIMBER TALK: Our Editor Judy Blackman produced 6 issues this year. Judy has decided to pass the torch to a new Editor. We thank her for her excellent and diligent service to our club. Although I had requests for help in the President's Message in the *Timber Talk* and made a number of personal calls for help, I could not find at this time anybody to take charge of the newsletter so I went ahead and raised my hand, and proposed myself to our Board of governors. Surprise, my candidacy was approved! I have been working on the June, July and August issues with Judy, but I'll be on my own shortly. This is not a small task, as our bank of articles is empty. I would like to see most of our members submitting at least one article each and I have been pestering some members to write stories of the woods they issued.

FEATURED WOODS: We are also running short of new woods of the month for distribution. I am calling on all members to think of donating woods they produce for distribution to membership, and to keep an eye open and enquire if an organization, business or club they know issue some woods that might interest our members. If those woods are for sale, please talk to a member of the board. All of the executive's contacts are listed in the *Timber Talk*.

NUNET.CA: I have not updated our page so far this year and will try to update it in the fall. The website is administered by M. Paul Petch and changes can be communicated through email. PDFs and Word docs are preferred, if someone wants to try their hand at it.

France

Boeing Employees' Coin Club's NEW P-51 Mustang Wood

by Robert (Bob) Gabriel



The **Boeing Employees' Coin Club (BECC)** issued this wood in 2018 to promote their upcoming coin show being held in January 2019, and to commemorate the historic P-51 Mustang which will be on display at the show. To obtain one of these woods or a pass BECC wood issue, please contact **Anthony Kalt**, BECC, P.O. Box 812, Black Diamond, WA 98010-0812. Each year BECC issues a wood featuring a different plane model.

The BECC has also issued medals and elongated coins in the past. Photos are courtesy of BECC. For example, this medal (*lower right*) was issued for the BECC's Jubilee.

This medal (*lower left*) was issued for the centennial of the Boeing.



Lou's Hallowe'en Round 38mm Woods



History of CAWMC
Timber Talk
Newsletter
Editors

Jan. 1975 – Sept. 1979
Garry Braunwarth

Oct. 1979 – July 1981
Stan Clute

Aug. 1981 – July 1983
Albert Kasman

Aug. 1983 – Oct. 1992
Garry Braunwarth

Nov. 1992 – Dec. 1994
Lou Vesh

Jan. 1995 – Aug. 2008
Ross Kingdon
(14 years!!!)



Above is a Dan Gosling photo
of Ross Kingdon

Sept. 2008 – Dec. 2009
Tony Hine

Jan. 2010 – Aug. 2010 Norm
Belsten

Sept. 2010 – Current
Judy Blackman, FONA, KSTC



5944-011 WEST GUILFORD, ON L. VESH PUMPKINICKEL **1988** 105 BL BL/OR –

one of these woods was included in each bag of treats given out by Lou at his home on Hallowe'en. It is the first of a planned 5-year series in which the pumpkin side will remain the same but the reverse will change each year. It turned out though, that Lou's plan went on for 12 yrs of issuing a pumpkinickel but starting 1995 he used a new obverse but continued to have a different reverse. In 2000 and 2002, these are the only 2 yrs with no colour other than the year in gold.

5944-015 WEST GUILFORD, ON L. VESH PUMPKINICKEL **1989** 125 BL/OR BL

5944-023 WEST GUILFORD, ON L VESH PUMPKINICKEL **1990** 129 BL BL/OR

5944-029 WEST GUILFORD, ON L VESH PUMPKINICKEL **1991** 135 BL/OR BL –

Lou shared in March 1991: The number of trick or treaters who call at my door, though modest in numbers compared to urban areas, has steadily increased over the years. Judging by the whispering and chattering at the door about wooden nickels, it has become obvious that the inclusion of a wooden nickel in each treat bag has created some interest, especially among young adults. There is also the possibility that the parents feel some sense of security when they know who the donor is. In any case, the observations are interesting and I am looking forward to this year's reaction when the motif will be ... well, I'd better not let the cat out of the bag. You'll just have to wait and see.

5944-038 WEST GUILFORD, ON L VESH PUMPKINICKEL **1992** 144 BL/OR BL

5944-066 WEST GUILFORD, ON L VESH PUMPKINICKEL **1995** 120 BL/OR/W BL/OR/W

5944-076 WEST GUILFORD, ON L VESH PUMPKINICKEL **1996** 125 MULTI MULTI

5944-088 WEST GUILFORD, ON L VESH PUMPKINICKEL **1997** 135 MULTI MULTI

5944-106 WEST GUILFORD, ON L VESH PUMPKINICKEL **2000** 125 BL/GL BL

5944-110 WEST GUILFORD, ON L VESH PUMPKINICKEL **2001** 125 BL/GL MULTI

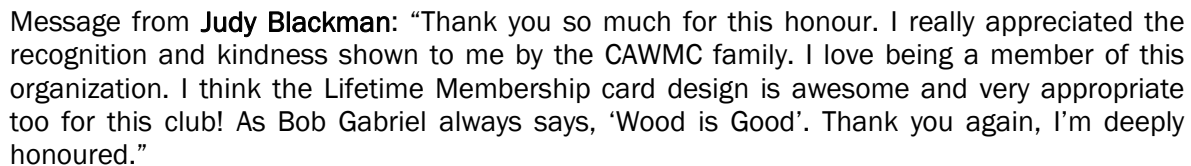
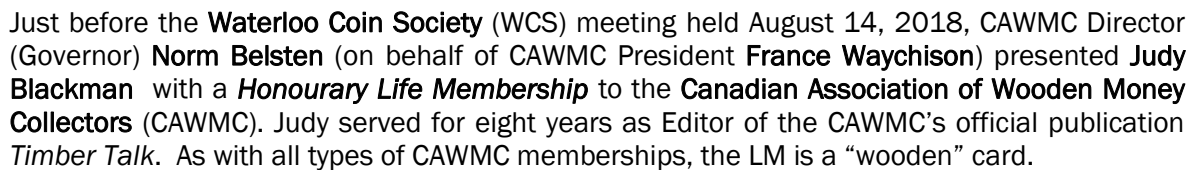
5944-112 WEST GUILFORD, ON L VESH PUMPKINICKEL **2002** 125 BL/GL BL

5944-119 WEST GUILFORD, ON L VESH PUMPKINICKEL **2004** 115 MULTI MULTI



L.Vesh—1988-2004 Hallowe'en





Some Pics from the RCNA 2018 Convention

2018 CANAC TORONTO

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TERRY DECKERT
JIM BAILE
DAVID DOWNING
WALT OSTROMECKI
GLENN
JIMMIE & MARYCHINE
MARY RABET
JAMES A. W. FISHER
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KEVIN DAY-TWORENEN
PAUL TETTERSON
RAWSON, HENRI
FRITZ
JESSE RIBBLE
DAN GOSLING
BILL ENGLISH



2018 CAWMC / RCNA Convention Woods

by Norm Belsten

These are the woods handed out at the CAWMC AGM meeting and the RCNA convention.

CAT	TOWN	ISSUER	DATE	ISSUED	OBV	REV	R	SH	SIZE
5904-035	MISSISSAUGA, ON	J WILLISTON RCNA 2018	2018	225	BL/B	BL	1	RD	45 mm
5904-036	MISSISSAUGA, ON	H NIENHUIS RCNA 2018	2018		BL/B	R/BL	1	RD	45 mm
5904-037	MISSISSAUGA, ON	R KINGDON RCNA 2018	2018	100	BL/B	R	1	RD	45 mm
5904-038	MISSISSAUGA, ON	F WAYCHISON RCNA 2018	2018	125	BL/B	BR/B	1	RD	45 mm
5904-039	MISSISSAUGA, ON	CANADA WIDE WOODS RCNA 2018	2018	250	BL/B	R	1	RD	45 mm
5904-040	MISSISSAUGA, ON	N BELSTEN RCNA 2018	2018	100	B	B	1	RD	38 mm
5904-041	MISSISSAUGA, ON	D GILLESPIE RCNA 2018	2018	30	R	B	1	RD	38 mm
5904-042	MISSISSAUGA, ON	2019 RCNA PROMO WOOS	2018		R	BL	1	RD	38 mm
5904-043	MISSISSAUGA, ON	CAWMC FUND RAISER	2018	25	MULTI	R	2	HX	50 mm
5924-157	WATERLOO, ON	J BLACKMAN 1 OF 77 DIFFERENT ONES	2018		MULTI	MULTI	1	OD	VAR
5555-107	NEWMARKET, ON	NORM BELSTEN 85th BIRTHDAY	2018	100	B/R	B/R	1	RD	45 mm
8140-475	CALGARY, AB	J WILLISTON RETIRED	2018	400	BZ	BL	1	RD	38 mm



2018 Supplement Available

by Norm Belsten

The newest catalogue supplement is available. Since the last supplement, this one has 22 pages with 311 new woods, and the indexes. Cost for the disk is \$10 (plus postage).

The disk has two formats, one file has all the pages, the second has each page separate so you can print only the pages you want.



France Waychison (right) receiving her RCNA Presidential Award from Henry Nienhuis (left) at the 2018 RCNA Convention in Mississauga. Photo courtesy of Daniel Gosling.

Congratulations France!



THE MEMORY OF COLLECTORS LIVE ON THROUGH THEIR WOODS

BY DAVID BAWCUTT, FONA

At the March meeting of the **Oshawa and District Coin Club** the members got an opportunity to bring a display of their choice and get it judged by **Norm Belsten**. Norm gave each display a mark out of 100 and gave them advice on how to improve it. There was lots of notice about this so I decided to do a display titled "The Memory of Collectors Live On through Their Woods".

I used my wooden display case, a wooden holder that fits 28 woods and 8 information cards (one introduction card, one card for each collector and one card for the CAWMC) for my display. Each card included the collector's name, their date of birth and death and a description of the four woods. Going through my woods I selected six wooden money collectors that I had at least four of their woods. With each wood I selected I tried to show their collecting interest and how they issued woods to promote our hobby. This left me enough space for four woods to promote the CAWMC.

Norman E. Wells 1914- June 11, 1988: His Xmas wood from 1979 (5715-14), he lived in Peterborough, Ontario, Norm wrote a column "Canadian Wood Chips" in Canadian Coin News in 1976 and 1977 (5715-11), he wrote Canadian Wooden Money Tokens and Souvenirs first edition catalogue issued Nov. 1977 (5715-12), with the 2nd edition issued June 1979 with four supplements, he attended the Wooden Money Show at the Best Western Inn on June 3-5, 1983 in Niagara Falls (5565-021) and he was CAWMC Chartered number C-17.

Howard Richardson 1920-1988: Howard was Scarborough Coin's Club 2nd Vice President (5907-026), he was one of the many collectors issuing woods who attended a Toronto International Coin Fair (1984-1989) (5907-052), a special occasion is a great time to issue a wood like his 45th wedding anniversary wood (5907-033), a TICF wood showing a side view of Howard (5907-047) and it is one of his about 46 woods.

Basil Latham Oct.11, 1928 – Apr. 14, 2000: A chartered member of the Scarborough Coin Club and he issued many Xmas woods (5900-382), a good luck wood celebrating Yonge Street 1796-1996 the world's longest street (5900-395), greetings from the 38th C.N.A annual convention July 23 – 28, 1981 in Toronto (5900-342), Basil issued about 30 woods and he will be missed by collectors and friends (5900-466).

CAWMC Founded Jan. 1, 1975 (Southern Ontario Chapter founded January 21, 1981): New logo of the Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors (C.A.W.M.C.), winning design wood for the contest to celebrate Canada's 150th birthday, 12th anniversary of the Southern Ontario Chapter in 1993 (5900 – 371) and Timber Talk is the official publication of CAWMC which comes out monthly.

Albert Kasman February 11, 1937-October 14, 2014 : Issued many season's greetings woods (5900 -454), Albert worked for 31 years at Canada Post and retired on October 30, 1998 (5900-453), he started the Albert Kasman Fund to encourage juniors to join the O.N.A., he was a member of a number of clubs and associations and issued over 100 woods (5900-296).

Bruce H. Raszmann 1934 – September 6, 2011: Bruce was a founding member of the O.N.A., the treasurer for almost 50 years (5490-023), Bruce joined at the start of the Waterloo Coin Society in 1959 and was their treasurer for 50 years (5490-051), being a CAWMC member he issued a wood for the 1995 C.N.A. convention in Calgary (5490-020), living in Kitchener he was also a member of the Stratford Coin Club plus the CTCCC (5490-019). Note: There is now the Bruce H. Raszmann Award presented at the annual O.N.A. banquet.

Al Bliman Born ? – Died Dec. 17, 1998: Season's Greetings in 1981 from Al, his wife Sharron and their daughter Leslie (5900-124), a shared wood with L.H. Scoop Lewry from Sask. for the 1986 C.N.A. convention in Toronto (5908-042), Al held many executive positions including Executive Secretary CAND and C.N.A. President (5908-010), and Al was always promoting the hobby of numismatics on all levels from the local clubs and up (5900-199).

It takes time to research your topic and organize a display but it can be seen by a number of collectors and it promotes our hobby. I also took it to the Scarborough Coin Club's April meeting without using the display case.





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- **U.S. A. Residents:**
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- **International
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Rest In Peace To Our Friends, Larry, Don & Jim

Lawrence (Larry) Jack White (May 28, 1942–August 8, 2018), 76, of Liberty Center, Ohio passed surrounded by his loving family. He was born in Jewell Valley, Virginia to the late Albert and Albie White. Larry worked as a journeyman at General Motors (GM) for over 25 years. He was a member of the Napoleon American Legion, and AMVETS. Larry enjoyed life, loved to travel (especially to numismatic events, and visited Canada many times for such), and was a big NASCAR fan, and was passionate about collecting wooden money and elongated coins, and was a member of several clubs and associations. His greatest pleasure was spoiling his grandkids and great-grandkids.

Donald (Don) Joseph Thibodeau (September 28, 1934–November 10, 2017) was born in Council Bluffs, the third child of Mary and Oliver Thibodeau, of Omaha. He was a kind and gentle man, with a big, booming voice who was devoted to his church and family. Don worked at Brandeis Department Store and at Albertson's Grocery. Don was a charter member of the CAWMC and put out many special Christmas woods. He spent his free time as an avid collector of coins, postcards, wooden nickels, and dog tags. He enjoyed spending countless hours preparing his collections for shows. [Note: we only became aware of his passing through the July 2018 issue of IOWMC's *Bunyan Chips*.]

James (Jim) Stewart Wilson (September 12, 1933–April 25, 2018), a veteran, the son of the late Cyril and Mildred Wilson, passed away peacefully surrounded by family. Jim and Jean were married 49 years, and was the father and stepfather to a combined nine children (7 girls, 2 boys); grandfather of 11, and great-grandfather of 7. He was a humble man, a numismatist, and he especially enjoyed wooden money, and fishing too.



A Visit With Larry White

by Bob Fritsch

It had all been arranged ahead of time through correspondence between **Larry White** and IOWMC President **Bob Gabriel**. So while traveling east from the 2018 Central States Show in April, the car turned off the Ohio Turnpike heading south for Liberty Center. Western Ohio is farmland that is flat as a pancake, and the drive was a pleasant diversion from the high-speed road. After missing the target road, I pulled into the driveway. They were waiting for me, for as soon as I got out of the car, **Brenda**, his sister, was there to greet me, and Larry was overjoyed to get the visit.

We chatted about everything over the next half hour or so, old friends (living and departed), times spent together at conventions, the state of the clubs he adored, and of course, woods and elongates. Larry was one of the giants of those two hobbies and had extensive collections of both. His exhibits gathered many awards and it was always a joy to view them.

Unfortunately he was bound to his chair and knew he did not have too much time left. He was divesting his collections as fast as he could, and we made arrangements for me to acquire some of his items. As it was getting time to leave, his sister took a picture of the two of us which is part of this article. As I was departing I was given several boxes of woods to deliver to **Al Schubert**, Past President of the Penn-Ohio Wooden Money Collectors, who I would see on my way home.

Farewell Larry, may you find many fine woods and elongates in your journeys.



The Bennett Centre

The Bennett story had its beginning in the year 1912. Edmonton was booming with rapid growth and the changes brought about by amalgamation with Strathcona. Students from Gallagher Flats were attending Riverside school at the southeast end of the Low Level Bridge. The school (also known as the Bridge School) was typical of the many temporary schools of the day and consisted of two overcrowded rooms in a converted two-story house. A new school was badly needed and the residents of the flats south of the river probably made their views known.

Plans for a new school were soon underway and completed by July 11, 1912. Although the new school was at first intended to be a two-room brick structure, the first tenders were recalled and plans were made to build a four-classroom school. Bennett School was named in honor of Strathcona's first mayor and early school trustee Thomas Bennett. Looking back to the year 1913, it was a proud group of 128 students and four teachers who left the old temporary "Bridge School" for their new classrooms at Bennett School. This happy event was recalled in the words of the first principal Edward Bell in a letter written by him in 1963: "On the last day of school, before Easter, we organized a Grand March to the new school, each carrying their own books, and also as much of the classroom supplies as they were able." The end of a 60-year era of continuous schooling came in 1973 when the doors of "Old Mother Bennett" were closed. Standing empty and unused, the building was refurbished and brought back into short-term services as the first office of the '78 Commonwealth Games. (The games were being spearheaded by former Bennett Principal and the Edmonton Mayor, Ivon Dent.) During the late '70's the school became a temporary office for the Capital City Parks Planning Authority.

The spirit of Bennett's past traditions were reborn in 1981 when the Edmonton Public School Board reopened the school as Bennett Environmental Education Centre in commemoration of Alberta's 75th Anniversary. A residence wing was added to the existing 1912 building as a cooperative project between the Edmonton Public School District and the Edmonton Municipal 75th Anniversary Committee. With the reopening came a new staff and new beginning. Then in August of 2008 the residence wing suffered a major fire demolishing it completely. Thankfully there was no damage to the original 1912 structure. The residence was re-built and open again in March of 2010. Today, students, teachers and parents from across Alberta visit Bennett to participate in overnight school programs, day programs, environmental lessons, and outdoor activities. The sound of young voices are once again to be heard around Bennett, as students venture outward to explore the rich heritage of Cloverdale and the nearby valley parkways. The Bennett Centre is located at 9703-94 Street, Edmonton, Alberta, T6C 3W1.



Firefighters battle a blaze Wednesday at the Bennett Environmental Education Centre.

This 38mm round Brown / Brown wood is 8300-139 in Norm's catalogue. The year of issue and quantity is unknown. In likelihood, it was probably issued in 1981 for the reopening and anniversary celebration or simply an ongoing souvenir fundraising token. The Bennett Centre has to be self-sustaining and relies on donations. The 1 MB (one made beaver) appears to be a replica of the Hudson Bay trading tokens issued.



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